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A LETTER, of which the following is a Copy, dated Cateau, April 25, 1794, was last Night received by the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, from His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

Cateau, April 25, 1794.

SIR,

IN consequence of a Request from the Prince of Coburg, I sent, the Day before Yesterday, a Detachment of Cavalry to reconnoitre the Enemy, who were reported to have assembled at the Camp de Cesar, near Cambrai. This Patrole, with which General Otto went himself, found the Enemy in great Force, and so strongly posted at the Village of Villers en Cauchie, that he sent back for a Reinforcement, which I immediately detached; it consisted of Two Squadrons of the Zetchwitz Cuirassiers, Major-General Mansel's Brigade of Heavy Cavalry, and the Eleventh Regiment of Light Dragoons. As they could not arrive till it was dark, General Otto was obliged to delay the Attack till the next Morning, when it took Place soon after Day-Break. He then ordered Two Squadrons of Hussars, and Two Squadrons of the Fifteenth Regiment of Light Dragoons, to charge the Enemy, which they did with the greatest Success; and, finding a Line of Infantry in the Rear of the Cavalry, they continued the Charge without Hesitation, and broke them likewise. Had they been properly supported, the entire Destruction of the Enemy must have been the Consequence, but, by some Mistake, General Mansel's Brigade did not arrive in Time for that Purpose. The Enemy, however, were completely driven back, and obliged to retreat, in great Confusion, into Cambrai, with the Loss of Twelve Hundred Men killed in the Field, and Three Pieces of Cannon.

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